



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Hui Chen and John W. Lawler

Application No.: 09/606,763      Group Art Unit: 1653  
Filed: June 29, 2000      Examiner: C. Kam

For: Purification and Use of Human Recombinant Cartilage Oligomeric Matrix Protein

#9  
JM  
10/18/01

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING	
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231	
on <u>10/12/01</u>	<u>Kathleen M. Bastarache</u>
Date	Signature
Kathleen M. Bastarache	
Typed or printed name of person signing certificate	

RECEIVED  
OCT 17 2001  
TECH CENTER 1600/2900

REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated September 14, 2001, the claims of Group I (Claims 1-7, 12, 13, 17, 19 and 37-42), drawn to purified hCOMP, an ELISA kit or a composition comprising hCOMP, are elected for prosecution. Applicants reserve the right to file a continuing application or take such other appropriate action as deemed necessary to protect the non-elected inventions. Applicants do not hereby abandon or waive any rights in the non-elected inventions.

Respectfully submitted,

HAMILTON, BROOK, SMITH & REYNOLDS, P.C.

By Carol A. Egner  
Carol A. Egner  
Registration No. 38,866  
Telephone: (978) 341-0036  
Facsimile: (978) 341-0136

Concord, MA 01742-9133  
Dated: October 12, 2001